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FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

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FOR COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT

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SUBJECT: EMBASSY ORGANIZED SEMINAR FOR SPANISH JOURNALISTS

1. THIS EMBASSY IS ORGANIZING A WEEKEND SEMINAR ON MAJOR ISSUES INVOLVING ATLANTIC COMMUNITY AND EAST WEST RELATIONS FOR 40 OF SPAIN'S LEADING POLITICAL, INTERNATIONAL AND ECONOMIC JOURNALISTS. SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT RESORT HOTEL IC ESCORIAL, 45 MINUTES FROM MADRID, WEEKEND MAY 7,8,9, PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR IS TO CONVEY U.S. POSITION ON SIGNIFICANT ISSUES OF TIMELY INTEREST TO SPANISH OPINION LEADERS IN INFORMAL OFF THE RECORD DISCUSSIONS.

2. WE PLACE CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE ON SEMINAR AT THIS CRITICAL PERIOD IN SPAIN'S EVOLUTION AND ARE AIMING FOR HIGHEST POSSIBLE USG REPRESENTATION. FOR THAT REASON, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO YOU TO BE A PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT THE SEMINAR WITH FULL AWARENESS OF YOUR PRESSING SCHEDULE BUT WITH HOPE YOU MIGHT SPARE ON DAY OVER A WEEKEND FOR THIS SUBSTANTIVE PROJECT.

3. IN THE EVENT YOU WOULD BE AVAILABLE, WE WOULD ASK YOU TO MAKE A TWO-HOUR APPEARANCE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE ON EITHER THE MORNING OR AFTERNOON OF SATURDAY, MAY 8, OR MORNING OF SUNDAY MAY 9. THE SUBJECT WOULD BE "EAST WEST RELATIONS" IN WHICH YOU WOULD SPEAK ON THE SUBJECT

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FOR A MAXIMUM OF 30 MINUTES AND TAKE PART IN A DISCUSSION OF

NO MORE THAN 90 MINUTES. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION WILL BE PROVIDED.

4. YOUR ROUND TRIP AND PER DIEM EXPENSES WOULD BE PAID BY EMBASSY WHICH HAS FUNDS BUDGETED FOR THE PROJECT.

5. I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU AT YOU EARLIEST CONVENIENCE REGARDING YOUR AVAILABILITY. I AM EXTENDING INVITATIONS TO ARTHUR HARTMAN AND CHUCK ROBINSON TO DISCUSS ATLANTIC COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND THE WORLD ECONOMY. RESPECTIVELY, AND SHALL BE INVITING NON-OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS ON OTHER SUBJECT. BEST REAGRDS.
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